



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 14(D)1

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D. DATE: June 22, 2004  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Ballot Appointment of Member  
to the Independent Review Panel

*Kay Sullivan*  
Kay Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

Please select one nominee listed on the attached ballot to fill a vacancy on the Independent Review Panel (IRP). This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Dorothy J. Rollins, who was the Community Action Agency's (CAA) representative on the IRP.

On June 8, 2004, a ballot was presented to the Board of County Commissioners for the appointment of a replacement member to the IRP, however, a majority of the Commission members did not cast a vote. The result of that ballot is as follows:

| <u>June 8, 2004</u>     |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Candidate</u>        | <u>Vote</u> |
| Arcie Ewell             | 0           |
| Bess L. McElroy Johnson | 1           |
| Eladio M. Paez          | 1           |

In accordance with Section 2-11.43 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one panel member from a slate of three (3) qualified persons submitted by the Community Action Agency.

The Community Action Agency has submitted the names of Arcie Ewell, Bess L. McElroy Johnson and Eladio M. Paez, as qualified candidates from which a replacement can be selected. The CAA has recommended Arcie Ewell as its first preference to fill the vacant seat, and serve as its representative on the IRP.

The resume of each candidate, the CAA's memorandum dated April 24, 2004, and the ballot are attached.

KS:dc  
attachments

**COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT**

**Miami-Dade County, Florida**

**JUNE 22, 2004**

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL**

**APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE DOROTHY J. ROLLINS**

**Vote ( ✓ ) for One**

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Arcie Ewell             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bess L. McElroy Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Eladio M. Paez          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Commissioner** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign ballot)

**Commission District Number** \_\_\_\_\_

HARVEY RUVIN  
Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners  
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# MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eduardo Diaz, Director  
Independent Review Panel

Date: April 24, 2004

From: Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson, Director  
Community Action Agency

Subject: Prospective Candidates for  
Independent Review Panel

Pursuant to your request for the submission of the names of three (3) persons to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners for an appointment to the Independent Review Panel, please find listed below the names of prospective candidates the Community Action Agency is endorsing for the currently open seat on the Independent Review Panel. In the interest of moving forward in filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Dorothy J. Rollins, CAA concurs fully with the recommendation that Arcie Ewell be approved as our organization's representative on the IRP. Should the individual decline the appointment, then our preference is to appoint either Bess L. McElroy Johnson or Eladio M. Paez to the vacant seat.

**Arcie Ewell**

**Bess L. McElroy Johnson**

**Eladio Paez**

As always, the Community Action Agency values the opportunity to work in collaboration with the Independent Review Panel on issues that affect the citizens in this County.

**Arcie Ewell**

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**OBJECTIVE:** Advanced level leadership/Administrative position with non profit organization

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Supervised student related activities for MDC Medical Campus.
- Supervised the custodial and security services for the campus
- Responsible for the campus budget and facility general administration.
- Responsible for the operation for FCAA Miami Family Branch's programs and over two hundred (200) staff and budget.

**EDUCATION**

1958-1962 Bachelor Science Degree in Language --Jackson State University  
1974 Masters in Reading --University of Miami  
Further Studies:  
**Goucher College (French)**  
**Miss. State University**  
**University of Mississippi**

**EMPLOYMENT**

1962-1969 Teacher, Mississippi Public Schools  
1969-1971 Teacher, Special Programs University of Miami  
1973-1979 Teacher, Florida Memorial College  
1979-2001 Teacher, Coordinator, Dean; Miami Dade Community College  
2002-present Executive Director Miami Family Branch FCAA

**Organizations/Community Service**

Second Baptist Church- Member  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Miami Alumnae Chapter -- Past President  
Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative, Inc, President  
SBC Community Development Corporation- Vice President  
American Caner -- Black Disparity Committee- Vice Chair  
Richmond Heights Garden Club- Past President  
National Association for the Advancement of Color People NAACP)- Life Member

**REFERENCES**

Upon Request

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## **RESUME**

Bess L. McElroy Johnson  
5301 N.E. Fifth Avenue  
Miami, FL 33137  
(305) 757-4467

### **EDUCATION**

- 1979      Master of Science  
            Major: Human Resource Administration  
            St. Thomas University  
            Miami, Florida
- 1974      Bachelor of Arts  
            Major: Psychology  
            Florida International University  
            Miami, Florida
- 1972      Associate of Arts  
            Major: Social Work  
            Miami-Dade Community College  
            Miami, Florida

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 12/96-**      Real Estate Investor/Mortgage Broker
- 03/75-05/95**      Senior Personnel Officer (Retired)  
                    City of Miami  
                    Department of Personnel Management  
                    (Retired)
- 06/67-09/72**      Administrative Secretary  
                    Dade County Fair Housing & Employment Commission

### **CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Member of Save Dade Advisory Board  
Member of Democratic POWER  
Member of Mt. Sinai M.B. Church  
Member of Miami Shores Business and Professional Women  
Club  
Member of Miami-Dade Racial Profile Panel  
Member of several civic, religious and professional organizations

President of PULSE 2000-2002

Co-Host PULSE monthly radio program 2000-2002

1st Vice President of PULSE 1999

Held several news conferences in behalf of PULSE

Participated in Dade Days in Tallahassee

Participated in the March On Tallahassee

Community Advocate that seeks to eradicate disparity treatment for any group of people and promote justice and fairness for all without regard to race and culture.

# Eladio M. Paez

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## Professional Highlights

Retired City of Miami Police Detective after 22 years of service, 19 years of which he was assigned to the Special Investigation Section. Conducted and supervised numerous high level investigations, including joined undercover operations with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Central and Latin America, acquiring extensive knowledge of the drug underworld.

## Awards

Received the City of Miami Officer of the Month award seven times. Awards from the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police, The United States Attorney's Office, The Drug Enforcement Administration, and The International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association. In 1995, awarded the City of Miami Officer of the Year award. In 1996, received the 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual LEO awards from the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Southern District of Florida, and was nominated for the TOP COP AWARD by the National Association of Police Organizations.

## Education

*Graduate of the Southeast Florida Institute of Criminal Justice (Miami Dade College), 1982.*

## Additional Training Certificates:

Field Training Officer – MDCC and Commission on Criminal Justice Standards – 1984.

Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Law Enforcement – DEA – 1984.

Human Relations – FMC and Commission on Criminal Justice Standards – 1987.

Dignitary Protection – Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State – 1987, 1989.

Intercept of Oral Communication – Florida Department of Law Enforcement – 1990

Cross-Designation Law Enforcement – US Customs Service – 1987, 1994.

Money Laundering Enforcement – National Institute on Economic Crime – 1990.

Air Smugglers Investigation – US Department of the Treasury – 1991.

Instructor Certification – DEA & Commission on Criminal Justice Standards – 1996, 2002.

Financial Investigations – South FL Investigative Support Center - 1997

Investigative Interviews – U of N.FL Institute of Police Technology and Management - 1998

Hostage Negotiations – Commission on Criminal Justice Standards – 1999.

Ion Scan Instrument Operator – Ion Track Instruments LLC – 2001.

Post Blast Investigation – Department of the Treasury – 2002.

Substance on Surface Detection – Securetec Contraband Detection & Identification Inc. – 2002.

Train the Trainer on WMD – Miami-Dade College – 2003.

Anti-Terrorism Training Program – Bureau of Justice Assistance – 2003.

### Professional Affiliations

Member – The Miami Coalition for a Drug Free Community.  
Member – Drug-Free Schools Coalition  
Member – International Police Association  
Member - Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO)  
Member – Fraternal Order of Police  
Member – Hispanic Officers Association  
Board of Directors Member - Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD)  
Co-Chair Person of the Homeland Security and Drug Education Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

### Accomplishments

Lectured for the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Florida Intelligence Unit, the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Forensic Nurses and other private and public organizations throughout the world. Teaches classes on Club Drugs and Undercover Operations for the DEA Local Law Enforcement School and The Law Enforcement Training Programs of the Universities of Memphis, Ohio and Louisiana. Lectures at Colleges and Universities including University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, The Miami Institute of Psychology, Miami Dade College and Linder's University, Adelaide Australia. On June 15, 2000, testified on the threat posed by the illegal importation, trafficking, and use of ecstasy and other club drugs, before the *Congress of the United States House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary*. On December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Testified as an Expert Witness in Federal Court before The Honorable Judge Demstriolas in Broward County Florida, for the purpose of identifying trends related to designer drugs. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001 testified before the *United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control*. Mr. Paez has been quoted in many national and international publications including USA Today, Newsweek Magazine, and The Miami Herald, among others. Interviewed by Reuters news agency, CBS, A&E Cable Network, Telemundo, Univision and various news agencies throughout Latin America, Europe and Australia, on issues such as the narcotics trade, club drugs and narco-terrorism. In 2002, he was contracted as technical advisor for Columbia Pictures in the film Bad Boys II.

### Publications

"Murdered While in an Undercover Capacity" – Int. Narcotics Officers Association Magazine – 1997  
"The Route Indoor" (Article related to indoor Marijuana grow houses) FDLE Intelligence Publication- 1998  
"Raves" – Opina News – March, 2003  
"Marijuana Made in the USA" – Opina News – April, 2003  
"Is There a Drug War?" - Opina News – May, 2003



